

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on March 15, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 702, 3/11/2005; HJ 30,  
3/11/2005; HB 712, 3/11/2005; HB  
281, 3/11/2005  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01

HEARING ON HB 702

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BRUCE MALCOLM (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 702, Revise outfitter licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:41 Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

EXHIBIT(fis57a01)

00:05:02 Mr. Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:05:38 Ms. Jill Caldwell, Bureau Chief, Business and Occupational Licensing

00:06:30

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:16

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:53

HEARING ON HJ 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DON ROBERTS (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HJ 30, Study FWP licenses, permits, and landowner incentives.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:55 Mr. Bill Arsolo, Montana Wildlife Federation

EXHIBIT(fis57a02)

00:10:46 Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:12:43

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:57

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:39

HEARING ON HB 712

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RALPH HEINERT (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 712, Require voter registration applications at fishing and hunting license locations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:55            Ms. Elaine Gravely, Office of the Secretary of State

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a05\)](#)

00:19:23            Mr. Doug Nulle, Attorney

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:20:04            Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fis57a06\)](#)

00:21:59

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:56

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:12

**HEARING ON HB 281**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. PAT WAGMAN (R), HD 62**, opened the hearing on **HB 281**, Revise guide licensure methods.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:35:30           **Mr. Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters  
Association of Montana**

00:38:17           **Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides  
Association**

00:39:03           **Mr. Mark Aagenes, Fishing Guide**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:40:01           **Ms. Jill Caldwell, Bureau Chief, Business and  
Occupational Licensing**

00:40:31

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Mr. Wayne Johnston, Executive Director, Montana Board of  
Outfitters**

00:54:52

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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SEN. DON RYAN, Vice Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fis57aad0.TIF](#))**